

REMARKS

Formal Matters

In the Specification:

Applicants have amended the first paragraph of the specification to include the priority claims and to make current the status of the applications in this series. No new matter is added by these amendments.

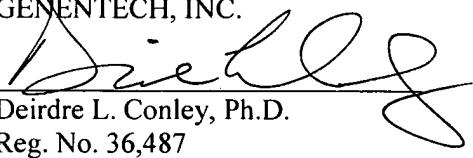
If in the opinion of the Examiner, a **telephone conference** would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is **strongly encouraged** to call the undersigned at the number indicated below.

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted with a Non-Provisional Application Transmittal under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) and appropriate fees during the pendency of parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/896,856 as indicated by the enclosed Petition and Fee for three-month extension of time. In the event any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of these documents, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 07-0630.

Respectfully submitted,

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